

**Subject:** What's next for the Silver Lake Reservoir

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I have an update on the progress of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Bypass Project.

Since last fall, I have worked with my Council colleague David Ryu and the community to ensure the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power remained committed to restoring water in the Silver Lake Reservoir.

LADWP recently announced that above average snowpack runoff from the Eastern Sierra region will refill Silver Lake Reservoir ahead of schedule. Utilizing this source, water will begin flowing in mid-April and take approximately two months. This option replaces the originally planned -May refill of the reservoir using local water resources that would have taken approximately 12 months.

Every inch of rain has been a blessing to this City on so many levels, and in this case, it has provided us with an opportunity to restore the reservoir to historic levels. This was a common request at all of the public meetings on the reservoir project. I want to thank residents and stakeholders for the invaluable input over the last several months, but there is still more work to do.

We are about to embark on a much larger discussion on sustainable plans for the future of the reservoir complex. LADWP has agreed to pay for a master plan for the site, and the Bureau of Engineering is collaborating with department staff to come up with the initial scope to frame the community process, which will roll out by the end of summer. This process will consist of a number of interactive charrette meetings.

Thank you for attending these meetings, and for participating thus far in the public process. I look forward to collaborating with you on the future of the reservoir and its grounds in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mitch'.

MITCH O'FARRELL

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## TRAFFIC ALERT: HOLLYWOOD HALF MARATHON

HOLLYWOOD -- The 6th Annual Hollywood Half Marathon will take place on Saturday, April 8th, starting at 6 a.m., at the corner of Hollywood and Highland, then heading east to Vermont Avenue, then south to Santa Monica Boulevard and returning to Hollywood Boulevard and the finish line at Vine Street. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [Ashley@jive-live.com](mailto:Ashley@jive-live.com) or call 323-736-0615.

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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDS FOR HOLLYHOCK VIRTUAL TOUR



CITY HALL -- The Los Angeles City Council approved \$133,000 in funding for a virtual reality tour of the Hollyhock House at Barnsdall Park, making the historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home more accessible to everyone, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell recently announced.

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## VIDEO: LITTLE ARMENIA GATEWAY PROJECT



LITTLE ARMENIA - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Little Armenia Gateway Project Professional Peer Panel recently presented the five finalists who submitted designs for the community public art installation that will serve as the official gateway to Little Armenia in Hollywood.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## O'FARRELL SEEKS REPORT ON SB1 FUNDS FOR DASH SERVICES

CITY HALL - Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on Friday introduced a motion that directs the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on the anticipated transportation funding from SB1 -- *The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017*. O'Farrell wants a report from staff on how to use this funding for transit services that could accelerate and expand the City's DASH bus services.

"I have heard from constituents across the 13th District about the need for improved mobility as it relates to expanding the City-operated DASH bus system, especially in Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, and Silver Lake," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "Residents in those areas want and need improved connections to Metro bus and rail lines, and we should explore every possible funding source, including recently approved SB1 funding, for enhanced service in areas that have been historically neglected due to a lack of resources."



## TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE



ATWATER VILLAGE - Team Mitch cleared weeds from a parkway on Gleneden Street, making a difference in the overall look of the neighborhood. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in Mitch's Echo Park District Office at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS](#)

## LAFD CADET TRAINING



LOS ANGELES -- Register to train with the women and men of the Los Angeles Fire Department! The Los Angeles Fire Department Cadet Academy is open to ride-along certified cadets ages 14 through 20, and Cadet Associate Advisors over the age of 20 who are testing to become an LAFD-certified firefighter. This free 10-week intensive program is an opportunity to gain hands-on firefighting and emergency medical service experience and learn about your exciting career options as one of L.A.'s bravest. **Registration deadline is April 22.**

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



SILVER LAKE - The Department of Water and Power invited Silver Lake residents to participate in a historic moment as the utility company prepares to remove thousands of shade balls from the Ivanhoe Reservoir. The balls are being removed, and surplus runoff from the Eastern Sierras will fill both Ivanhoe and Silver Lake reservoirs.

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